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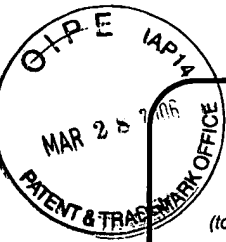
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Response to the Official Action

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Non-final Rejection mailed December 28, 2005, for which the shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on March 28, 2006. This response is timely and no extension fee is due.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and of accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.